



HIV/AIDS Monitoring Report

Department of Health and Human Services

Data through December 31, 2003

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Implications of Syphilis Outbreak in Long Beach

In the last 4 years, the City of Long Beach has experienced a 184% increase in reported primary and secondary syphilis cases (i.e., most infectious stages) — from 19 cases in 2000 to 54 in 2003. Syphilis is spread from person to person through direct contact with a syphilis lesion, as well as from mother to child during pregnancy. The most common way to transmit syphilis is through sexual contact where the bacterium spreads from the initial ulcer of an infected person to the skin or mucous membranes of the external genital area, cervix, vagina, mouth, anus or rectum of a sexual partner. The initial infection causes an ulcer at the site of contact; however the bacteria spreads throughout the body, potentially damaging many organs if left untreated.

Of the reported syphilis cases in Long Beach in the last four years, the majority occurred in men who have sex with men (MSM) (e.g., 89% of cases in 2003). Of these cases, over two-thirds were co-infected with HIV (e.g., 65% in 2003). The demographic breakdown of these co-infected cases indicate that they are primarily between the ages of 30

through 39 and self-identify as White, Black or Hispanic (in order of disease occurrence). Epidemiological investigations indicate that the syphilis outbreak can be associated with individuals engaging in high-risk behavior, mainly MSM and many who engage in recreational drug use. Methamphetamine use, in particular, was noted among many of these men. In Long Beach, the primary venues named for meeting sexual partners were sex clubs in Los Angeles; bars in both Long Beach and Los Angeles; and on the Internet.

Since syphilis and HIV have similar modes of transmission, the rising number of syphilis cases in Long Beach, particularly among those co-infected with HIV, has caused a great deal of concern for Public Health officials. Syphilis is a complex sexually transmitted disease caused by a bacterial organism called a spirochete, but is easily treatable with antibiotics. On the other hand, HIV is a virus that is considered a chronic illness that eventually leads to AIDS. The response to combating syphilis and HIV is a collaborative effort between neighboring health

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jurisdictions (e.g., Long Beach, Los Angeles and Orange Counties), the State of California STD Control Branch, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and community based organizations. Health care providers treating individuals with syphilis and HIV are strongly advised to inform their patients to avoid engaging in unprotected sexual behavior that put themselves and/or others at risk for infection. Please refer questions regarding known or suspected syphilis cases to the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Disease Intervention Program at (562) 570-4369. (Source: *State of California STD Control Branch, March 15, 2004 — provisional data*)

HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM

Introduction

Comprising nearly 50 square miles at the southernmost end of Los Angeles County, Long Beach has approximately a half-million residents, making it the fifth largest city in California and the 32nd largest in the United States (based on U.S. Census 2000). One of 61 health jurisdictions in California, the City of Long Beach has maintained the Health Department for more than 90 years.

Its size, diversity and geographic location in a major population center have made Long Beach particularly vulnerable to HIV and AIDS. With a cumulative incidence rate of 1011.00 AIDS cases per 100,000 residents (1981 through December 31, 2003), Long Beach's AIDS incidence rate per capita is 100 percent higher than the incidence rate for all of Los Angeles County (500.33 cases per 100,000) and more than double the rate for the State of California overall (395.19 cases per 100,000), indicating that AIDS continues to be a significant public health issue in the City of Long Beach (Table 1).

TABLE 1

COMPARISON OF CITY OF LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA CUMULATIVE AIDS INCIDENCE RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION, 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003.

	2000 Population	Number of AIDS Cases	Cumulative AIDS Incidence Rate
City of Long Beach	461,522	4,666	1011.00
Los Angeles County	9,519,338	47,628	500.33
California	33,871,648	133,858	395.19

Sources: California HIV/AIDS Reporting System, December 31, 2003
Long Beach HIV/AIDS Reporting System, December 31, 2003

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires that all diagnosed or suspected cases of AIDS as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) be reported within seven days to the local Health Officer. To facilitate reporting, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services maintains an HIV Epidemiology Program (funded by the State of California Department of Health Services Office of AIDS) which is responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating AIDS data.

Cumulative Cases

Since its first AIDS case report in February 1983, a cumulative total of 4,666 AIDS cases has been reported in Long Beach through December 31, 2003. The cumulative case fatality rate of 54% percent is lower than California (59%) and Los Angeles County (60%). Of the 4,666 reported AIDS cases, 2,151 people are currently living.

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 4,666 cumulative AIDS cases, approximately two-thirds (60.4%) are White (Table 2). While Whites still comprise the majority of the reported cases, the number of HIV infections may be decreasing in this group. From January 2003 through December 2003, the percentage of AIDS cases reported in Whites was 44.0 percent. AIDS cases in Blacks, while contributing 17.6 percent to the cumulative cases, comprised 21.3 percent of the cases reported in the past year. Hispanic AIDS cases comprised more than one-quarter (30.0%) of the cases reported in the last year, yet they make up 19.5 percent of the cumulative cases. The percentage of cases among Asian/Pacific Islanders during the past year (3.4%) is more than the 1.9 percent reported cumulatively (Table 2).

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TABLE 2

CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND PERCENT OF POPULATION REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH

	2000 Population	Percent of Population	Number of AIDS Cases	Percent of AIDS Cases
White, Not Hispanic	152,899	33.1%	2,821	60.4%
Black, Not Hispanic	66,836	14.5%	823	17.6%
Hispanic	165,092	35.8%	912	19.5%
Asian/PI	60,329	13.1%	91	1.9%
Amer.Ind./Alaska Nat.	2,785	1.0%	13	0.3%
2 or More Races	13,581	2.9%	5	0.1*
Not Specified			1**	<0.1%
TOTAL	461,522	100%	4,666	100%

* Collection for 2 or more races began January 1, 2003

** These cases are pending investigation. Upon identification of race/ethnicity,

Gender

The vast majority of AIDS cases in Long Beach are male (93.6 percent). However, the increasing percentage of female AIDS cases being reported each year suggests that more women may be becoming infected. During January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003, 9.6 percent of the cases reported were in females, compared with a cumulative percentage of 6.4 for cases reported as of December 31, 2003 (Table 3).

TABLE 3

AIDS CASES BY REPORT DATE AND GENDER, REPORTED JANUARY 1, 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	January 2003 – December 2003	1981 – December 2003
Male	322 (90.4%)	4,366 (93.6%)
Female	34 (9.6%)	300 (6.4%)
TOTAL	356 (100%)	4,666 (100%)

Age

Through December 31, 2003, almost half (48.0%) of the cumulative AIDS cases in Long Beach were diagnosed among people between the ages of 30 and 39. More than one-quarter of all cases were diagnosed among people between the ages of 40 and 49. This indicates that the majority of people with AIDS in Long Beach were infected in young adulthood. Fifteen percent of AIDS cases were diagnosed in people in their twenties, suggesting that a significant number of people with AIDS became infected during adolescence (Table 4).

TABLE 4

CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	No. of Male Cases	No. of Female Cases	TOTAL
Under 13	5 (0.1%)	4 (1.3%)	9 (0.2%)
13-19	13 (0.3%)	7 (2.3%)	20 (0.4%)
20-29	643 (14.7%)	72 (24.0%)	715 (15.3%)
30-39	2,103 (48.2%)	124 (41.3%)	2,227 (47.7%)
40-49	1,156 (26.5%)	62 (21.0%)	1,218 (26.1%)
Over 49	446 (10.2%)	31 (10.3%)	477 (10.2%)
TOTAL	4,366 (100%)	300 (100%)	4,666 (100%)

Exposure Category

Almost eighty percent of all adult male AIDS cases reported through December 31, 2003 in Long Beach reported male-to-male sexual contact (MSM) as a mode of transmission. An additional 9.8 percent reported both male-to-male sexual contact and injection drug use (IDU). Seven percent of male AIDS cases reported injection drug use as the sole risk behavior. Almost two percent of male cases report being infected through heterosexual contact (Table 5).

Among women in Long Beach, however, heterosexual contact and injection drug use are the prevalent modes of HIV transmission. Of all adult female AIDS cases reported in Long Beach, 55.4 percent were infected through heterosexual contact. Nearly Thirty-five percent were infected through injection drug use. About three percent were infected through the receipt of blood transfusions or blood components, while the remaining cases (6.4%) have reported no risk or are currently under investigation (Table 6).

The predominant mode of HIV exposure in children is perinatal transmission (88.9%) (Table 7).

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TABLE 5
CUMULATIVE ADULT MALE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/PI	Am. I./Al. Nat.	Multi-race	Unk.	TOTAL (Row%)
Sex between men	2,299	447	639	73	7	3	1	3,469 (79.5%)
Sex between men/IDU	265	84	74	1	4	0	0	428 (9.8%)
Injection Drug Use	123	118	59	0	0	0	0	300 (6.9%)
Heterosexual Contact	24	28	29	4	0	0	0	85 (1.9%)
<i>With IDU</i>	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	11
<i>With Transfusion Recipient</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<i>With Person with HIV/AIDS</i>	20	22	26	4	0	0	0	72
Transfusion	6	2	5	1	0	0	0	14 (0.3%)
Adult Hemophilia	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	11 (0.2%)
Pediatric Hemophilia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 (<0.1%)
Risk Not Reported	17	14	18	3	0	0	0	52 (1.2%)
TOTAL (Column %)	2,744 (62.9%)	694 (15.9%)	825 (18.9%)	83 (1.9%)	11 (0.2%)	3 (<0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)	4,361 (100%)

TABLE 6
CUMULATIVE ADULT FEMALE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/PI	Multi-race	Other/Unk.	TOTAL (Row %)
Injection Drug Use	29	53	19	0	0	1	102 (34.4%)
Heterosexual Contact	35	60	59	7	2	1	164 (55.4%)
<i>With Bisexual Male</i>	6	1	2	0	0	0	9
<i>With IDU</i>	9	16	10	1	0	1	37
<i>With Transfusion Recipient</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<i>With Hemophiliac</i>	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
<i>With Person with HIV/AIDS</i>	20	42	46	4	2	0	114
Transfusion	5	3	1	1	1	0	10 (3.4%)
Pediatric Hemophilia	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 (0.3%)
Risk Not Reported	6	9	4	0	0	0	19 (6.4%)
TOTAL (Column %)	75 (25.3%)	126 (42.6%)	83 (28.0%)	8 (2.7%)	2 (0.7%)	2 (0.7%)	296 (100%)

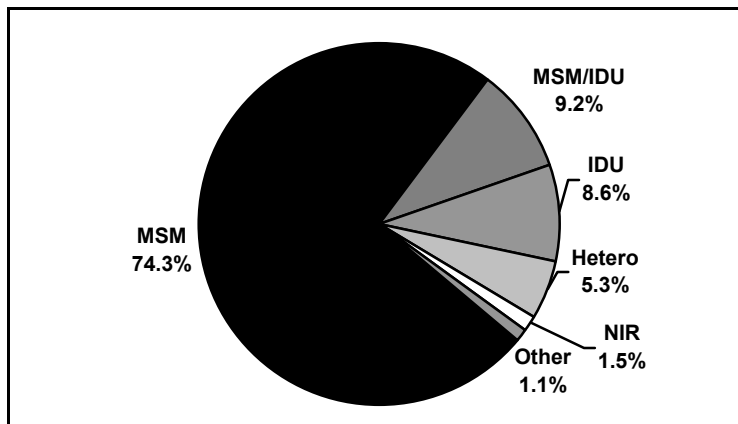
TABLE 7
CUMULATIVE PEDIATRIC AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	TOTAL (Row %)
Mother with Risk	1	3	4	8 (88.9%)
Transfusion	1	0	0	1 (11.1%)
TOTAL (Column %)	2 (22.2%)	3 (33.3%)	4 (44.4%)	9 (100%)

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Combined, about three-quarters (74.3%) of Long Beach AIDS cases report sex between men as a risk factor. Almost nine percent report intravenous drug use. Another nine percent report both sex between men and injection drug use. Five percent of Long Beach cases report heterosexual contact as the sole risk. Slightly more than one percent of AIDS cases in Long Beach are the result of a blood/blood product transfusion or pediatric transmission. The remaining cases did not report a risk or are currently under investigation to elucidate possible modes of transmission further (Figure 1).

FIGURE 1
CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.



Total Cases = 4,666

Other = Transfusion or transplant recipient, hemophilia, and pediatric cases.

AIDS Defining Conditions

The AIDS surveillance system represents cases that have met the AIDS case surveillance reporting criteria established by the CDC. In 1993, the AIDS surveillance case definition was expanded to include a laboratory measure of severe immunosuppression (CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts of less than 200 cells/ μ l or a percent of total lymphocytes less than 14), pulmonary tuberculosis, invasive cervical carcinoma, and recurrent bacterial pneumonia. Prior to 1993, the surveillance definition included only opportunistic illnesses.

Mortality Rates

Table 8 presents the annual and cumulative fatality rates of AIDS cases reported in Long Beach by the year of diagnosis. The presented rates are comparable to those of Los Angeles County, California, and the United States.

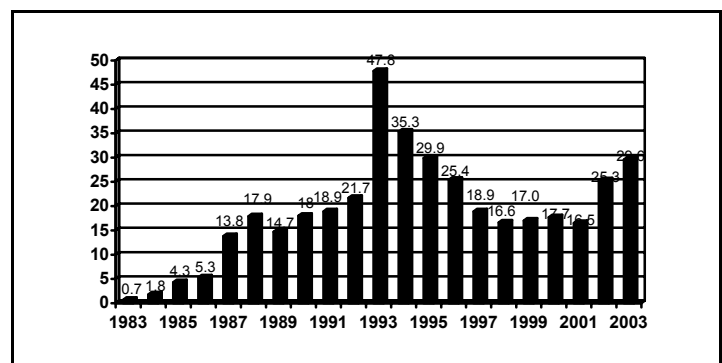
TABLE 8
AIDS CASE MORTALITY BY YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

Year	Diagnosed Cases	Deaths	Fatality Rate for Cases Diagnosed in Year	Cumulative Fatality Rate
Before 1990	865	829	—	96%
1990	298	267	90%	94%
1991	374	322	86%	92%
1992	420	335	80%	90%
1993	359	226	63%	85%
1994	314	162	52%	81%
1995	334	118	35%	76%
1996	298	69	23%	71%
1997	231	44	19%	68%
1998	202	35	17%	65%
1999	221	27	12%	62%
2000	222	35	16%	60%
2001	192	19	10%	57%
2002	201	20	10%	55%
2003	158	9	6%	54%
TOTAL	4,689	2,517	—	54%

Impact of Changes in the AIDS Case Definition

The surveillance definition of AIDS was modified in 1985, 1987 and 1993 to reflect increased knowledge of the manifestations of HIV disease. These expanded definitions present challenges in analyzing case trends. For example, expanding the surveillance case definition in 1993 to include HIV-infected individuals with CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts below 200 cells/ μ l resulted in a number of new cases being reported as well as with the implementation of HIV Reporting in July of 2002 (Figure 2).

FIGURE 2
AVERAGE REPORTED AIDS CASES PER MONTH, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.



Survival Status

By analyzing the data presented in Table 9 and comparing relative proportions of the living and the deceased, changes in the local epidemiology of advanced HIV disease may be detected as living cases are representative of more recent infections. For instance, a higher number of Blacks (20.4%) and Hispanics (25.8%) are currently living with AIDS than are deceased (15.0% and 14.2%, respectively). This demonstrates a shift toward increasing HIV infections in minorities. Similar changes are seen in the gender, age, and exposure categories.

TABLE 9
AIDS CASES BY SURVIVAL STATUS AND DEMOGRAPHICS, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

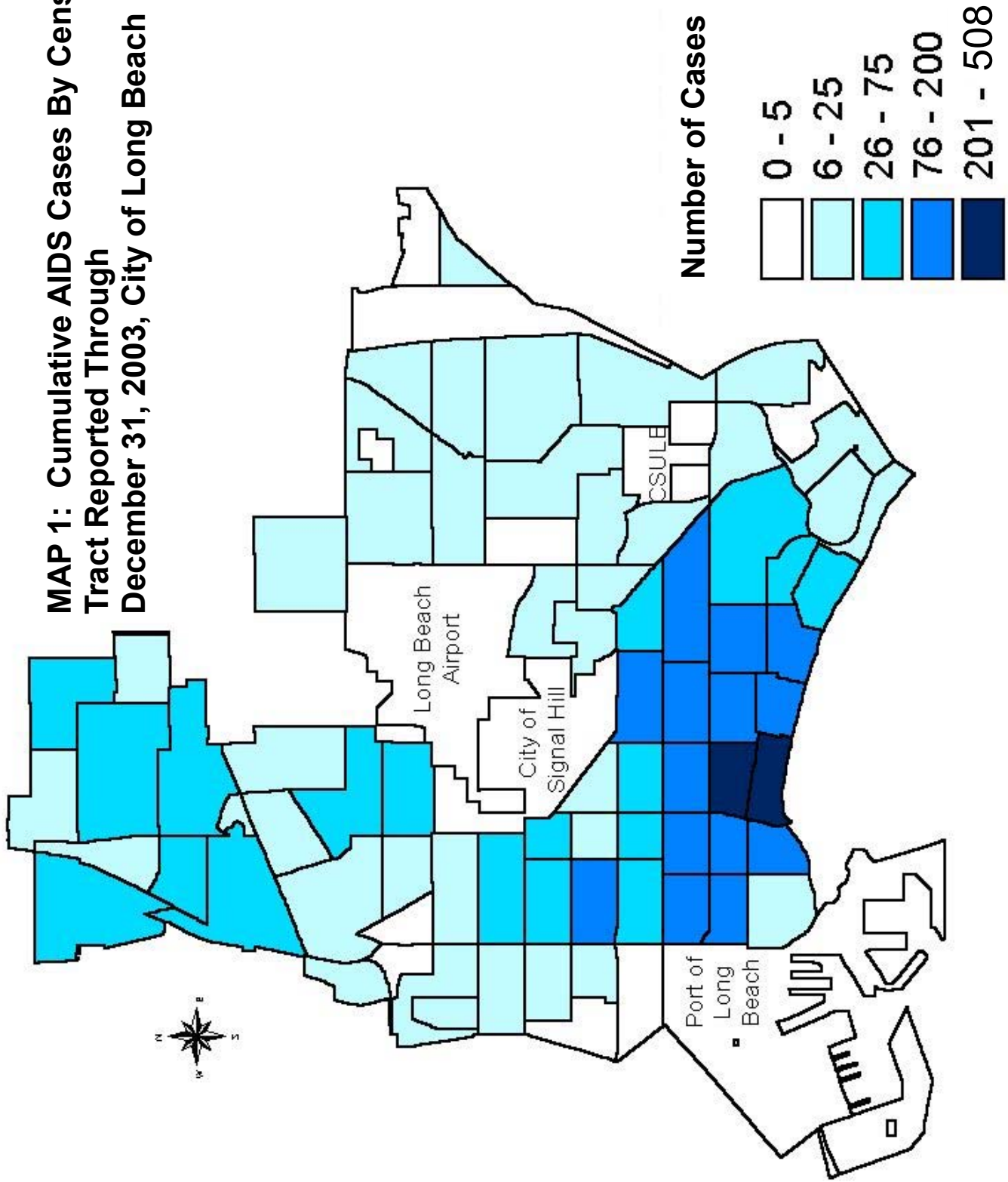
Case Profile	Living	Deceased
Gender		
Male	1,962 (91.2%)	2,404 (95.6%)
Female	189 (8.8%)	111 (4.4%)
Race/Ethnicity		
White, Not Hispanic	1,094 (51.0%)	1,727 (68.9%)
Black, Not Hispanic	439 (20.4%)	384 (15.0%)
Hispanic	554 (25.8%)	358 (14.2%)
Asian/PI	51 (2.4%)	39 (1.5%)
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	9 (0.4%)	4 (0.2%)
Multi-race	3 (0.1%)	2 (<0.1%)
Unknown	0 (0.0%)	1 (<0.1%)
Age		
Age <13	3 (0.1%)	6 (0.2%)
13-19	13 (0.6%)	7 (0.3%)
20-29	339 (15.8%)	376 (14.9%)
30-39	1,045 (48.6%)	1,182 (46.9%)
40-49	574 (26.7%)	644 (25.6%)
50+	177 (8.2%)	300 (11.9%)
Exposure Category		
Sex between men	1,522 (70.8%)	1,947 (77.4%)
Sex between men/IDU	216 (10.0%)	212 (8.4%)
Injection Drug Use	197 (9.2%)	205 (8.1%)
Heterosexual Contact	173 (8.0%)	76 (3.0%)
Hemophilia	5 (0.2%)	9 (0.4%)
Transfusion	6 (0.3%)	19 (0.7%)
Perinatal Transmission	3 (0.1%)	5 (0.2%)
NIR	29 (1.3%)	42 (1.7%)
TOTAL	2,151 (100%)	2,515 (100%)

Geographic Information System

Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based mapping technology, which combines geographical data and events such as a population, disease cases, vital statistics, socioeconomic indicators, and many other data sources to generate maps for spatial analysis. The Health Department uses GIS to monitor the health status of the community by assessing epidemiological data. This analysis determines which diseases and conditions account for the greatest morbidity and mortality in the City which allows for more localized efforts in health promotion and disease prevention efforts.

AIDS surveillance data is used to map cases by geographic location such as zip codes and census tracts in Long Beach. Geographic analysis of data allows for the provision of HIV/AIDS screening and prevention services to be targeted to individuals that are at a greater risk for infection. Mapping AIDS cases in the City may allow for a greater level of targeted outreach in the areas with a higher number of cases. Map 1 demonstrates the cumulative number of reported AIDS cases at time of diagnosis among City residents from 1981 through December 31, 2003 by census tract. This map does not take into the account the migration of individuals with AIDS moving in and out of Long Beach.

MAP 1: Cumulative AIDS Cases By Census Tract Reported Through December 31, 2003, City of Long Beach



Source: City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, HIV Epidemiology Program.

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HIV ANTIBODY TESTING PROGRAM

The Health Department provides both anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing to the public. HIV antibody testing also occurs through other venues in the City of Long Beach, including private physicians, hospitals and clinics. These data reflect City-administered testing programs only.

The City has maintained data on both anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing since the programs began. In January 1990, the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS implemented the HIV Test Reporting System, a computer program that collects demographics on clients and their test results to generate reports valid to local testing sites and to improve data reporting to the Office of AIDS.

“Data represents each client visit and services provided. The basic tabulated information is this client visit/service unit. A client may have made more than one HIV-related visit; each visit may be reported separately. A client may have received more than one service from different funding sources on the same visit — each reported separately. It is important to keep in mind that these data represent counseling and testing services through these programs and should NOT be interpreted as representing persons or the population of [Long Beach] in general. Recipients of these services are a highly self-selected group.”

California HIV Testing and Counseling Monthly Report, 2/90

Anonymous Testing

The Alternative Test Site (ATS) program was developed for individuals wanting to know their HIV antibody status anonymously. The HIV antibody test administered in an ATS setting addressed the concern that individuals at risk for HIV infection might donate blood to determine their antibody status if blood banks were the only source of free and easily accessible testing. ATS began here in Long Beach in June 1985 and two testing sites currently exist (Table 12 and 13).

TABLE 12

ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, APRIL 1988 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
Race/Ethnicity				
White	49,188	56.4%	1,694	3.4%
Black	12,105	13.9%	392	3.2%
Hispanic	18,992	21.8%	654	3.4%
Asian/PI	4,774	5.5%	80	1.7%
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	570	0.7%	33	5.8%
Other/Unknown	1,625	1.9%	38	2.3%
Age Group				
12-19	5,451	6.2%	39	0.7%
20-29	35,880	41.1%	1,058	2.9%
30-39	27,223	31.2%	1,178	4.3%
40-49	12,140	13.9%	452	3.7%
50-59	4,355	5.0%	124	2.8%
60+	2,148	2.5%	36	1.7%
Unknown	57	0.1%	4	7.0%
TOTAL	87,254	100.0%	2,891	3.3%

* Prior to April 1988, no testing data were collected by race/ethnicity or age group.

TABLE 13

ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY GENDER AND EXPOSURE CATEGORY, JUNE 1985 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
Gender				
Male	71,077	67.7%	5,098	7.2%
Female	33,825	32.2%	197	0.6%
Other/Unknown	71	0.1%	1	1.4%
Exposure Category				
MSM	30,477	29.0%	3,992	13.1%
Bisexual	7,563	7.2%	595	7.9%
IDU	3,652	3.5%	94	2.6%
MSM/IDU	877	0.8%	146	16.6%
Hemophiliac	26	<0.1%	4	15.4%
Transfusion Recipient	1,423	1.4%	19	1.3%
Heterosexual	29,288	27.9%	149	0.5%
High Risk Sex Partner	17,372	16.5%	174	1.0%
Occupational	764	0.7%	2	0.3%
No Risk Stated	11,103	10.6%	66	0.6%
Unknown	2,428	2.3%	55	2.3%
TOTAL	104,973	100.0%	5,296	5.0%

Confidential Testing

Confidential testing (CTS) began in 1988; this report reflects data gathered beginning January 1989. These data include individuals tested confidentially for HIV antibody status at the Health Department or through special outreach testing efforts. The confidential testing report includes data collected from

TABLE 14

CONFIDENTIAL HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, JANUARY 1989 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
Gender				
Male	28,238	59.6%	507	1.8%
Female	19,002	40.1%	98	0.5%
Other/Unknown	112	0.2%	3	2.7%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	13,951	29.5%	187	1.3%
Black	15,480	32.7%	245	1.6%
Hispanic	13,125	27.7%	148	1.1%
Asian/PI	3,268	6.9%	14	0.4%
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	379	0.8%	4	1.1%
Other/Unknown	1,149	2.4%	10	0.9%
Age Group				
Under 12	18	<0.1%	0	0.0%
12-19	6,320	13.3%	14	0.2%
20-29	19,270	40.7%	198	1.0%
30-39	11,809	24.9%	246	2.1%
40-49	6,728	14.2%	111	1.6%
50-59	2,363	5.0%	26	1.1%
60+	762	1.6%	12	1.6%
Unknown	82	0.2%	1	1.2%
Exposure Category				
MSM	2,096	4.4%	181	8.6%
Bisexual	1,498	3.2%	91	6.1%
IDU	3,012	6.4%	61	2.0%
MSM/IDU	337	0.7%	51	15.1%
Hemophiliac	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%
Transfusion Recipient	254	0.5%	3	1.2%
Heterosexual	20,110	42.5%	80	0.4%
High Risk Sex Prtnr	10,007	21.1%	97	1.0%
Occupational	225	0.5%	0	0.0%
No Risk Stated	7,377	15.6%	37	0.5%
Unknown	2,435	5.1%	7	0.3%
TOTAL	47,352	100.0%	608	1.3%

tests performed at Health Department clinics.

TECHNICAL NOTES

These data reflect statistical monitoring activities aimed at identifying the entire range of HIV infection in Long Beach.

Data presented in this report are provisional due to reporting delays.

Surveillance and Reporting of AIDS¹

The AIDS Classification System represents cases that have met the AIDS case surveillance reporting criteria established by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services. In September 1992, the CDC proposed the inclusion of three conditions: pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia, and invasive cervical cancer, and HIV-infected adolescents and adults who have CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts less than 200 cells/ μ L or a CD4+ percentage of less than 14, in addition to the clinical conditions listed in the 1987 surveillance case definition. This revised classification was implemented in January 1993. Persons who meet the criteria for more than one definition category are classified hierarchically in the following order: pre-1987, 1987, and 1993. Persons in the 1993 definition category only meet the 1993 definition.

Caution should be used when interpreting monthly statistics, because they can vary month to month due to a variety of factors. Therefore, looking at the long-term trends for a complete analysis of the AIDS data is necessary. Similar caution should be used in the interpretation of small numbers cases, as analyses based on small numbers are more likely to yield incorrect conclusions due to random or systematic error.

Age group tabulations are based on the person's age at diagnosis of AIDS: adult/adolescent cases include persons 13 years of age and older; pediatric cases include children under 13 years of age.

Men who have sex with men (MSM) cases include men who report sexual contact with other men (i.e., homosexual contact) and men who report sexual contact with both men and women (i.e., bisexual contact).

Heterosexual contact cases include persons who report either specific heterosexual contact with a person with (or at increased risk for) HIV infection (e.g., injecting drug use).

Undetermined cases are persons with no reported history of exposure to HIV through any of the routes listed in the hierarchy of transmission categories. These cases include: persons whose exposures are currently under investigation by local health department officials; persons whose exposure history is incomplete because they died, declined to be interviewed, or were lost to follow-up; and persons who were interviewed or for whom other follow-up information was available and no exposure mode was identified. Persons who have an exposure mode identified at the time of follow-up are reclassified into the appropriate exposure category.

Race/Ethnicity² is classified by the individual reporting the AIDS case. Usually, race/ethnicity is self reported by the patient upon enrollment with the health care provider. The definitions below represent those classifications as effectively as possible.

White, Not Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East.

Black, Not Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian/Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands and Samoa.

American Indian/Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North American, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Not Specified: Race/ethnicity was not identified and/or reported at the time of diagnosis and report. These cases are currently under investigation. Upon identification of race/ethnicity, cases will be reclassified into the appropriate category.

Incidence rate³ is defined as the number of new cases of a specified disease diagnosed or reported during a defined period of time, divided by the number of persons in a state population in which the cases occurred. This is usually expressed as cases per 1,000 or 100,000 per annum. This rate may be expressed as age- or gender-specific or as specific for any other population characteristic or subdivision.

Prevalence rate³ is defined as the total number of persons sick or portraying a certain condition in a stated population at a particular time, or during a stated period of time, regardless of when that illness or condition began, divided by the population at risk of having the disease or condition at the point in time or midway through the period in which they occurred.

¹ Definitions used here were taken mostly from the CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Technical Notes section.

² Federal Register. August 28, 1995. Volume 60, Number 166. Notices, pp. 44692-44693.

³ Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. Abram S. Benenson, Editor. Sixteenth Edition, 1995.

HIV/AIDS RESOURCES

National Hotlines

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services	800-TRIALS-A
CDC Hearing Impaired AIDS Hotline (TTY)	800-243-7889
CDC Labor Responds to AIDS Resource Service	800-458-5231
CDC National HIV/AIDS Hotline	800-342-AIDS
CDC Spanish HIV/AIDS Hotline	800-344-7432
CDC National Prevention Information Network	800-458-5231
CDC National STD Hotline	800-227-8922
AIDS Statistical Information Line (Recorded Information)	888-232-3299
Fax Information Service Line	888-232-3299
General Info. (including info on HIV/AIDS) (Recorded Information)	888-232-3299
HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service	800-HIV-0440
Project Inform (HIV Treatment Hotline)	800-822-7422
National Pediatric HIV Resource Center	800-362-0071

State AIDS Hotlines

California (Southern) (English)	800-922-AIDS
California (Southern) (Spanish)	800-400-SIDA
California (Northern) (Spanish and English)	800-367-AIDS
California (Northern) (Tagalog)	800-345-AIDS
California (Northern) (TDD)	888-225-AIDS

NOTICE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISEASE REPORTING

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500 requires that all diagnosed or suspected cases of AIDS as defined by CDC must be reported within seven (7) days to the Health Officer. To obtain information on the CDC AIDS case definition, to obtain case report forms or to report a case, contact:

City of Long Beach
Department of Health and Human Services
HIV Epidemiology Program
2525 Grand Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90815
Phone (562) 570-4311
www.longbeach.gov/health

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Attention Health Care Providers

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires the report of communicable diseases and conditions. To report a case of a communicable disease, contact the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology Program at 562-570-4302 or by fax at 562-570-4374.

Reportable Communicable

Diseases	Dengue ☞	Listeriosis ☞FAX	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	Typhus Fever
HIV/AIDS ☞	Diarrhea of the Newborn ☞	Lyme Disease	Rubella (German Measles)	Varicella (deaths only) ☞
Amebiasis ☞FAX	(Outbreaks)	Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis ☞FAX	Rubella Syndrome, Congenital	<i>Vibrio</i> Infections ☞FAX
Anisakiasis ☞FAX	Diphtheria ☞	Malaria ☞FAX	Salmonellosis ☞FAX	Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers ☞
Anthrax ☞	Domoic Acid Poisoning ☞	Measles ☞FAX	Scombroid Fish Poisoning ☞	Water-associated Disease ☞FAX
Babesiosis ☞FAX	Echinococcosis	Meningitis ☞FAX	Shigellosis ☞FAX	Yellow Fever ☞
Botulism ☞	Ehrlichiosis	Meningococcal Infections ☞	Smallpox (variola) ☞	Yersiniosis ☞FAX
Brucellosis ☞	Encephalitis ☞FAX	Mumps	Streptococcal Infections ☞FAX	OCCURRENCE of ANY
Campylobacteriosis ☞FAX	<i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7 ☞	Non-Gonococcal Urethritis	(Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)	UNUSUAL DISEASE ☞
Chancroid	Foodborne Disease ☞FAX †	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning ☞	Swimmer's Itch ☞FAX	OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE ☞
Chlamydial Infections	Giardiasis	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Syphilis ☞FAX	<u>Reportable Noncommunicable</u>
Cholera ☞	Gonococcal Infections	Pertussis (Whooping Cough) ☞FAX	Tetanus	<u>Diseases/Conditions</u>
Ciguatera Fish Poisoning ☞	<i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> ☞FAX	Plague, Human or Animal ☞	Toxic Shock Syndrome	Alzheimer's Disease
Coccidioidomycosis	Hantavirus Infections ☞	Poliomyelitis, Paralytic ☞FAX	Toxoplasmosis	Cancer
Colorado Tick Fever ☞FAX	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome ☞	Psittacosis ☞FAX	Trichinosis ☞FAX	Disorders Characterized by
Conjunctivitis, Acute Infectious of the Newborn ☞FAX	Hepatitis, Viral ☞FAX	Q Fever ☞FAX	Tuberculosis ☞FAX	Lapses of Consciousness
Cryptosporidiosis ☞FAX	Kawasaki Syndrome	Rabies, Human or Animal ☞	Tularemia ☞	
Cysticercosis	Legionellosis	Relapsing Fever ☞FAX	Typhoid Fever ☞FAX (Cases and Carriers)	
	Leprosy	Reye Syndrome		
	Leptospirosis	Rheumatic Fever, Acute		

☞FAX = Report by FAX, telephone, or mail within one (1) working day of identification.

† = Report immediately by telephone when two (2) or more cases or suspected cases of foodborne disease from separate households are suspected to have the same source of illness.

☞ = Report immediately by telephone.
All other diseases/conditions should be reported by FAX, telephone, or mail within seven (7) calendar days of identification.